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## Nonserial Literature in IM

*Index Medicus* and MEDLINE are no longer limited strictly to references to articles from the journal literature. Beginning with the May 1976 issue, selected congresses, symposia, proceedings, and multi-authored monographs will be included.

MEDLARS II, NLM's third-generation processing system installed in 1975, has made it possible to cite nonserial literature, including in the citation full bibliographic identification of the source. Each paper or chapter will be indexed to include title, author(s), and pagination, as well as identification of the source volume.

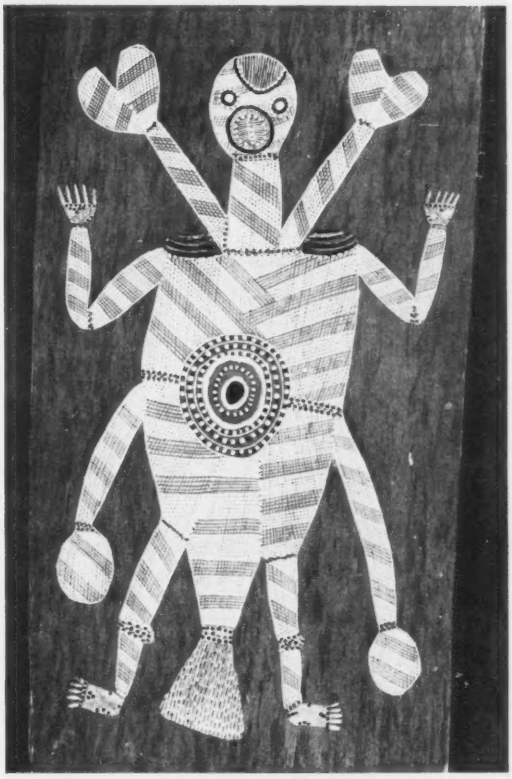
Because of the large amount of such literature, monographs will be selected carefully on the basis of quality, currency, and special interest to particular groups of MEDLARS and MEDLINE users.

## Lively Art from Australia Added to NLM Collection

When NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., was in Australia recently (*News*, July 1975), he acquired for the Library's picture collection five examples of bark paintings by aboriginal artists.

Lucinda Keister, NLM's art librarian (History of Medicine Division), is very pleased with the new paintings—the first examples of original primitive art to be acquired by the Library.

According to Ms. Keister, the works are interesting for several reasons. Artistically, the sense of design is intricate, yet lively and fresh. Although these bark paintings were made recently by contemporary artists, they continue a long tradition of richly stylized and decorative art. Since they were believed to possess magical properties, they were also utilitarian in the life of the community. It is interesting, Ms. Keister noted, that for the aborigine, such painting is so thoroughly integrated into his daily life that there is no separate word in his language for 'art' or 'artist.'



**Aboriginal bark paintings were often used as sorcerers' tools, to foreshadow the fate of a person to be punished. Portraying the victim with a bird or fish's tail and with bones projecting from the waist and shoulders was believed to cause the person to become ill. Here the hapless object has a pain in his stomach, aching teeth, and eye troubles. Sometimes these paintings were later altered with the intent of causing death.**

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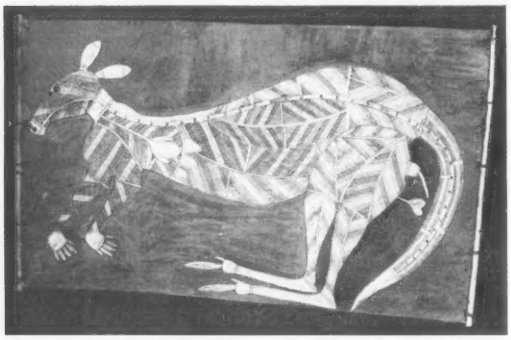
The preparation for bark painting is extensive and exacting, involving heating and flattening the eucalyptus bark; making pigments of red, yellow, black, and white from natural materials; and painting on the bark with brushes fashioned from such materials as stringbark, feathers, leaves, and hair.



**This kangaroo illustrates the intricate design and "x-ray" characteristics of paintings from western Arnhem Land in northern Australia. Showing the internal organs is a device used by the artist to indicate the "wholeness" of the subject—that there is more to a living thing than external appearances. This kind of painting is said to have a magical function, supposedly releasing the animal's spirit to ensure its abundance.**

## Briefly Noted

### Toxicology Symposium, May 27–28

A few spaces still remain for the Symposium on the Handling of Toxicological Information to be held May 27–28 in the Masur Auditorium, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health (Bethesda). The meeting is sponsored by the Toxicology Subcommittee of the DHEW Committee to Coordinate Toxicology and Related Programs. It is designed for those who collect, manage, or use toxicological information in industry, academic institutions, and government. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. For further information and last-minute registration, send name, address, and affiliation to Dr. George J. Cosmides, National Library of Medicine.

### Out of Print Items

The Government Printing Office has announced that the 1972 and 1973 editions of the *National Library of Medicine Current Catalog* are out of print. The 1974 edition is also out of print, as mentioned in the April *News;* however, the Library plans to produce a five-year cumulation covering 1971–1975 later this year. In the meantime, if you happen to have a duplicate 1974 cumulation which you could send us (perhaps in exchange for the 1975 edition), please let us know. Write: Ms. Frances Patrick, Office of Inquiries, NLM.

## New Literature Searches

The Library has published eight new bibliographies resulting from searches of the MEDLINE data base on topics of current, popular interest (see below). A complete list of these and other Literature Searches, which are available without charge, appears in each issue of *Index Medicus* and *Abridged Index Medicus*. When requesting Literature Searches, please include title and number, *enclose a self-addressed gummed label,* and mail to:

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LS 76–17 *Sudden unexpected death in infants.* January 1974 through March 1976. 159 citations.

LS 76–18 *Sudden cardiac death.* January 1974 through March 1976. 312 citations.

LS 76–19 *Health services for adolescents.* January 1974 through March 1976. 312 citations.

LS 76–20 *Aspirin and blood coagulation.* January 1974 through April 1976. 121 citations.

LS 76–21 *Pesticides and the ecosystem.* January 1974 through April 1976. 95 citations in English.

LS 76–22 *Carcinoembryonic antigen and cancer.* January 1974 through April 1976. 188 citations in English.

LS 76–23 *Histones and gene expression.* January 1974 through April 1976. 55 citations.

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             Report for 1975/76 called Communication in
          the service of American health; a bicentennial
          report from the National Library of Medicine.

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**The name change of this year's special bicentennial report (*News*, April 1976) has caused some confusion for catalogers. The above shows that the new report (*Communication in the Service of American Health*) is a continuation of the NLM annual report, the serial *Programs and Services*.**

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## Resource Sharing in Maine Aided by Grant from NLM

The Resource Project Grant, one of the most popular of NLM's Extramural Programs, is available to help health science libraries improve their services. The funds provided are not intended to subsidize a library's normal operating costs, but to serve a "seeding" purpose. A successful example of how this seed money can take root is the new Learning Resource Center at the Augusta General Hospital in Maine.

Resource sharing is at the heart of the project. Seven institutions with responsibilities for health care and health education in the Augusta area are sharing learning resources—traditional library materials, self-instructional tools, and audiovisual programs. The aim is to make all these resources readily accessible to health professionals and students.

The Learning Resource Center has been installed in a large area on the first floor of the Augusta General Hospital. NLM grant funds made it possible to renovate and equip this space. The Center contains a library and audiovisual viewing area, both with individual carrels, a conference room, and a classroom specially equipped for audiovisual and self-instructional materials.

The participating members of the consortium, which include a VA hospital and the University of Maine, have developed joint acquisition and exchange arrangements for the learning materials. An advisory committee of representatives from the different institutions sets basic policy for the Learning Resource Center and resolves operating problems.

The project serves a wide range of users, including those in a family residency program, a nursing education program at the baccalaureate level, and various inservice training programs for nurses, dietitians, and allied health professionals. The Center also supports continuing education programs for physicians and dentists in the area.

More information about this project may be obtained from the project's director, Mrs. Gabriel Kirkpatrick, at the Learning Resource Center, Augusta General Hospital, 6 East Chestnut St., Augusta, Maine 04330.

Information about NLM's Resource Project Grant program is available from Dr. Roger W. Dahlen, Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine.

## NLM Serial Gap List

The following journal issues are this month's continuation to the list of gaps in NLM's collection. If you can supply any of these items, please address them to:

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*Academic Therapy* 6, 1971.
*Additions* (Canada) 20:3, 1973.
*Audiology and Hearing Education* Aug/Sept, 1975.

*Bibliographia Neuroendocrinologica* 10:4, 1973.
*Bulletin d'Audiophonologie* 2–12, 1969; 11–12, 1971; 1, 11, 1972; 5, 1973.
*Bulletin of the Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis 22:3, 1972; 23:1,4. 1973.*
*Cahiers d'Anesthesiologie* 10:4, 1963; 15:7, 1967; 17:1, 1969.
*Comprehensive Therapy* June, July 1975; Jan, 1976.
*Concourse Medical* 85:49–51, 1963; 95:6–52, 1973.
*Internal Medicine Digest 6:6–12, 1971; 10:6–12, 1975.*
*Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association 59:6, 1966.*
*Lyon Medical/La Revue Lyonnaise de Medecine* 230:15, 16, 18, 1973.
*Lyon Pharmaceutique* 14:10, 1963; 16:7, 1965; 23:1,4,6, 1972; 24:1,2,4, 1973.
*Medecine Infantile* 80:9,10, 1973.
*Medical Economics* 50:20, 1973; 51:19,22, 1974.
*Modern Medicine of Canada* 21:1, 1966; 23:8, 1968; 24:12, 1969; 26:7, 1971; 29:11, 1974.
*Nursing* 2:5,7,9,10,11, 1972
*Nursing News* (Connecticut) 45:9,11,15,16, 1973–74.
*Pharmacy Times* 40:1,5, 1974.
*Phytopathology* 58:10,11, 1968.
*Prevention* 22:1, 1970; 23:3–5, 1971.
*Proceedings of the Australian Biochemical Society* 1st–11th, 1957–67.
*Santo Tomas Journal of Medicine* 21:1,3,4,6, 1966; 22:1,2,4–6, 1967; 23:1–6, 1968.
*South Carolina Dental Journal* 24:11, 1966; 25:10,12, 1967; 26:8,10, 1968; 28:9, 1970; 32:3, 1974.
*World Animal Review* 12, 1974.

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